



HEDINGHAM SCHOOL
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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 11 Information 2024

I am writing to inform you of some key information and important milestones relating to Year 11.

Dress Up Day - Thursday 15 February

Students who have received their letter and invite for Dress Up Day will be participating in this event on Thursday 15 February. This is an opportunity for students to be creative and often work together to celebrate their time here. Awards are given out as part of their leaver's assembly for who has the most creative costume. The event gives students many happy memories and photos to look back on in years to come.

The day culminates in a traditional fancy-dress parade in Sible Hedingham in the afternoon.

Dressing up is not compulsory and students are still permitted to wear school uniform if they do not wish to partake. The same standards of behaviour and attitude to learning are expected in all lessons.

Thorpe Park and Credits - Wednesday 27 March

As part of this half term's credit rewards, we propose to offer a heavily subsidised day trip to Thorpe Park on Wednesday 27 March.

There are clear conditions of entry to the trip. The trip is intended to reward those students who demonstrate a positive work ethic and approach to their GCSE study during Year 11. **There are no academic attainment conditions linked to accessing the trip.** Conditions of entry are entirely linked to factors that are directly within the individual student's control. Students who do not wish to attend or who are not entitled to attend are expected to come to school as normal.

To gain an invite to Thorpe Park, students will be required to attain **50 credits**. Below is a reminder of the **credit criteria**:

Gaining Credits:

- Achieving weekly 100% punctuality to all lessons = 5 credits
- One house point = 1 credit
- Completion of revision card: 16 credits = (2 per session). Students must demonstrate a positive independent work ethic, completing work outside of the classroom to support work done in lessons. They can do this by:
 - i. Attending revision sessions in school during lunchtimes or after school. Each time students attend; they will have a personal revision card signed by their teacher.
 - ii. Utilise our recommended subject revision on-line learning tools (to practice skills learnt in lesson time) either at home or in the computer suites at school. The recommended online learning platforms are as follows:

Seneca Learning: <https://senecalearning.com/>

Method Maths: www.methodmaths.com

- iii. Evidence revision materials/notes generated at home.

Students have been given guidance of how to access these on-line learning platforms in school.

Losing Credits:

Each behaviour point will deduct one credit from a student's total credits. This criterion has been shared with Year 11 in Assembly and PD time.

Parents Information Evening Link

Thank you to those parents who attended the recent Year 11 Parental Information Evening which outlined the next months ahead for students. The presentation is available on the school website via the link below:

<https://www.hedingham.essex.sch.uk/home/parent-information/news/year-11-parents-information-evening-slides-24-january-2024/>

Revision Sessions

The schedule for this term has been shared with Year 11 students via email.

Prom and Credits - Thursday 20 June

The Year 11 Prom will be held on Thursday 20 June. We wish this to be a special evening for our students, celebrating their time at the school. The Prom will be held at The Essex Golf and Country Club, Earls Colne. This is an excellent venue, which holds successful Proms for many schools in the area. Students will again have to attain 50 credits to attend. Should they not achieve this, you will be refunded for the cost of the ticket. This credit period will take place in the second half of the spring term after the closure of Thorpe Park credits.

The cost for a ticket to the Prom will be £35.00 per student. This ticket price includes:

- Decorated private room hire
- Red carpet
- Non-alcoholic drink on arrival
- Disco
- Buffet
- Photo booth
- Security

This is a special occasion for Year 11, and it is traditional for them to wear smart casual or formal attire on the evening. It should be noted that only non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. The event should be extremely enjoyable for all involved, but parents will be contacted and asked to collect their son/daughter if concerns or problems arise during the evening. We also reserve the right to withhold a student's ticket if we feel that serious concerns have arisen over his/her behaviour prior to the event. Vaping is not permitted inside or outside the venue due to the age of the students. Any student caught vaping will be asked to leave the celebration.

Yearbook

For the last few years, we have produced a very successful Yearbook for Year 11 students to celebrate their time at Hedingham School. The Yearbook has been commissioned and made by a company called MenoRecollections in full colour (approximately 40 pages) to an excellent standard.

We have been able to secure a very reasonable price with the company this year and the final cost to students will be £15.00. The students have been given their own individual passwords so that they can start filling in the details.

Leaver's Hoodies

We are delighted to announce that due to the success last year we are again able to offer a leaver's hoodie for the current Year 11 students as a memento of their time at Hedingham. The hoodies will have the school Logo embroidered on the front and the names of the entire year group on the back. The hoodies will be available in **Black, Navy Blue and Light Grey**.

The hoodies are available in a variety of sizes:

- XS - 34"
- S - 37"
- M - 40"
- L - 43"
- XL - 46"
- XXL - 50"
- XXXL - 53"

The cost to purchase a hoodie will be £14.95 (+VAT). Please be aware we will be using a different system for ordering hoodies this year and parents will need to order directly from the supplier. The company will provide a link to be distributed to parents once hoodies are ready for production.

Students will be able to wear their leaver's hoodie to school from Monday 20 May and throughout the examination period if they wish. Prior to the date stated above, normal uniform expectations and sanctions will be in place.

The Prom tickets and Yearbooks are available to purchase through ParentPay. Please see below table for further information:

ITEM:	PRICE:	PAYMENT DEADLINE:	NOTES:
Prom Ticket	£35.00	Friday 17 May 2024	Please use ParentPay to purchase your ticket.
Yearbook	£15.00	Friday 17 May 2024	Please use ParentPay to purchase. If you wish to purchase more than one book, please email: finance@hedingham.essex.sch.uk before making payment, with the number of books you would like to purchase.
Leavers Hoodies	£14.95 (+VAT)		A link will be provided by the hoodie company (via the school) once the company is ready and begin printing hoodies.

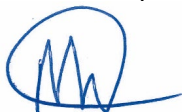
I am confident that effort shown working towards summer examinations will reap clear benefits when it comes to the GCSE grades that students' eventually secure. I hope that an opportunity to enjoy a day at Thorpe Park will serve as a well-earned "pat on the back" for those students who have consistently approached their learning with a committed and positive attitude and that the Prom will serve as a motivational milestone leading them through their final weeks at school.

Final reminder of important dates:

- Dress Up Day - Thursday 15 February
- Thorpe Park - Wednesday 27 March
- Prom - Thursday 20 June

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely



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